

Judiciary Committee

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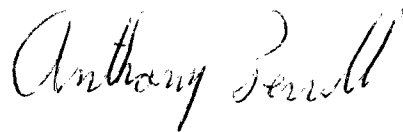
**Raised Bill No. 5536 – An Act Concerning Requirements For
Certification as a Community Association Manager**

Common interest communities rely heavily on the services provided by community association managers. Tremendous financial harm can be inflicted upon unsuspecting unit owners due to the relaxed manner by which managers are presently awarded registration. Given the financial responsibilities placed on managers, it is only appropriate that they at least be required to complete a nationally recognized course on community association management and pass an examination accepted by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. Passage of **Raised Bill No. 5536** would not only provide protection for consumers in these complexes, but would also benefit senior citizens who are particularly vulnerable to various forms of financial exploitation. The cost to the Department of Consumer Protection associated with this updated procedure for all individuals providing managerial services would be borne by the applicant. Therefore, this important legislation would not place any negative impact on departmental budgets.

For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully request that the members of the Judiciary Committee approve passage of **Raised Bill No. 5536**.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony Perrelli".

Anthony Perrelli
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